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Norfolk Reentry Council Minutes May 18, 2018 Workforce Development Center 9:00 a.m.

## Welcome:

Kathy Hall extended greetings to members and guests present. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Child Support-** Kathy Hall noted that Joy Sullivan & Dee Bailey are very busy since their offices have merged. They have very large caseloads. They will facilitate a workshop on 5/22/18 at the Collateral Consequences Town Hall meeting @ WDC.

**DHS Programs-** Garry Cofield gave an overview of the Family & Community Engagement Services. He gave an example of a recent case management scenario. He noted there are many challenges in the Mentor/Mentee relationship. He noted that this was his last Reentry Council meeting because he is retiring.

## **Updates:**

## **Institutions**

**St. Brides-** Chris Walton gave an update about their activities. They continue the Forklift Training. The Cognitive Community is having a graduation today; 5/18/18 @ 1 p.m. They have several partnerships with employers. They have a relationship with Norfolk Traffic Control's "Flagging Program". They are preparing their clients with a resume blitz. The next Resource Fair will be 6/29/18.

**Indian Creek-** Tim Horton reported their activities. The next Resource Fair is 6/1/18 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Anyone interested in attending will need a VCIN check (criminal background check which includes outstanding warrants). They will be hosting an upcoming Job Fair TBD.

**P & P:** Kathy Hall reported their activities. The Reentry Docket will now initiate an Incentive Program on the last Wednesday of each quarter to celebrate those early release from the docket thus ending their supervision. They also have resumed a partnership with ODU, the Nursing Program thru Drug Court.

**VEC-** Diane Murray reported she is the Veteran Employment case manager at Veterans Employment Office.

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**OAG-** Dean Rolle reported they had 6 participants to graduate from his 1<sup>st</sup> CoHort. 2 have been released and 2 have found employment. The 2<sup>nd</sup> CoHort will have a graduation on 6/13/18

**Childs Foundation-** Kiana Childs reported their "Go to Work' program transports people to and from work. They serve 3 regions in the State Of Virginia. They currently provide warehouse positions in Suffolk.

**CSB-** Brandi Whitman reported CSB has a GAP Clinic every Wednesday 8 a.m. -12 p.m. 3755 E. Va. Beach Blvd. 664-7699.

## **Committee Updates:**

- **Employment Committee-** Jason Ewers stated their committee is working on an employment brochure and is advocating for fair chance hiring (power point). They are almost finished with the power point. The next meeting is 3/20/18.
- **Faith Based & Community Initiatives-** Madonna Flores reported the Health & Wellness Fair will provide free health screenings in conjunction with the National Public Health Week on 4/6/18 at the WDC from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Flyers were distributed to members present. The next meeting is 3/19/18.
- **Juvenile Re-Entry-** Madonna Flores gave an update about their activities. She stated the "I C Success" with the SECEP students (10 students) has 3 more lessons to complete. There are plans to develop a Youth Leadership Advisory Board. They are also looking into implementing Decision Points with the schools. The next meeting is 4/20/18.
- **Planning-** Madonna Flores stated they are working on providing Norfolk Reentry Council Reentry Bags for those recently released from Norfolk City Jail. They are working on a Town Hall meeting for 5/22/18. The next meeting is 3/16/18 right after the Reentry Council meeting.

The next Reentry Council meeting is Friday 05/18/18 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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